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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

A TELEGRAM from General Howard announces the end of the Apache outbreak in Arizona. The hostiles returned to the reservation, where they were arrested.

An order has been issued by the War Department, by the direction of the President, restoring to the army Major Benjamin P. Runkle, retired, who was dropped on the order of the Court of Claims. This judgment was reversed by the United States Supreme Court May 27, 1887.

The following Presidential post-offices have been relegated to the fourth-class, having fallen below the minimum for Presidential offices: Silver Cliff, Col.; Iverton and Dyrton, Conn.; Ketchum, Idaho; Griggsville and Havelock, Ill.; Elkhader, Ia.; Carbondale and Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Wabasset, Me.; Fowlerville, Grand Lodge and Moreland, Mich.; Albany, Mo.; White Sulphur Springs, Mont.; Angelica, N. Y.; New Richmond and Waverly, O.; Knox, North Carolina and Punksutaw, Pa.; Martinsville, Va., and Cisco, Texas.

The following named members of the Board of Pension Appeals have been reappointed by the Secretary of the Interior: George Baber, of Kentucky; John A. Judson, of New York; Patrick J. Rogers, of New York; Robert D. Graham, of North Carolina; S. W. Rittenhouse, of the District of Columbia; and Robert F. Hill, of Michigan.

The President will attend the centennial celebration at Clinton, N. Y., but beyond that has made no plans for the summer.

THE EAST.
NEARLY all the strikers at the Fair Chance coke works, near Uniontown, Pa., have decided to return to work at the old wages.

A STRIKE of laborers at Rochester, N. Y., ended in a riot on the 27th. Non-union men were maltreated and the police hurt with stones.

COLLECTOR MAGNONE, of the port of New York, has ordered that eighteen imported French silk-weavers be sent back to France under the act of Congress forbidding the importation of coast labor.

Five in New York City the other morning destroyed Tobias Now's roofing paper factory, causing \$75,000 loss. Several female employees had narrow escapes.

THIRTEEN of the riotous street laborers of Rochester, N. Y., have been arrested, and all was reported quiet. They were all foreigners.

The defense in the Sharp bribery trial in New York City was concluded on the 28th without any sensational features.

ACCORDING to announcement, the striking employees of the salt works at Natrona, Pa., were evicted from the company's houses.

AN injunction has been obtained in New York City to prevent the Richmond & Danville road from paying a dividend of three per cent. on its stock as ordered by the directors.

JOHN LAIDLAW and Dr. Robert N. Mills, of Elmira, N. Y., have been arrested for defrauding the National Pension Office of \$18,000 through a blind man.

The cotton mills at Manville, R. I., have shut down because of the strike of the weavers.

LAWRENCE & RAND's powder mill, Wayne, N. J., exploded the other morning. Five men were killed and several slightly injured.

The strike of street laborers of Rochester, N. Y., ended in the defeat of the men. Mrs. MABEL BAYARD-KANE, widow of the late John J. Kane, a brother of the Arctic explorer, and the sister of Secretary of State Bayard, was married at St. George's Church, New York, recently, to Levi C. Bird, one of the most prominent members of the Delaware bar.

GOVERNOR BODWELL, of Maine, has ordered a strict enforcement of the Prohibition law, alluding especially to the attempt to sell liquor by imported packages under revenue protection.

THE jury in the bribery case against Jacob Sharp, of New York, returned a verdict of guilty on the 29th with a recommendation to mercy. Sentence was postponed.

AT Lake Quinsigamond, Mass., recently George Buebar, champion oarsman of England, easily beat James A. Ten Eyck in a three mile race for \$500 a side. Buebar's time, 20:15; Ten Eyck was one second later.

A CASH box containing \$100,000 worth of deeds and valuable papers was found in a hallway in Thompson street, New York, the other night. The lid had been forced open and the money tray cleaned out. The police were hunting for the owner—Joseph Sweet, proprietor of a Blooming street laundry, who had vacated his shop.

CHAS. ROARK, the West Shore express robber, was sentenced to twenty years' hard labor at Utica, N. Y., on the 30th.

THE Eastern Union has given up its struggle with the boot manufacturers of Worcester, Mass., and the struggle between them is finally ended.

A SHOCK of earthquake was felt in Northern New Hampshire on the 30th.

Mrs. MARIA HALPIN, who was heard of in the Cleveland canvass during the Presidential campaign of 1884, has been married and lives with her husband, James Secord, in New Rochelle, N. Y. During the campaign he was often mentioned as her uncle. He was in fact, it is said, an uncle of her former husband.

PLEURO-PNEUMONIA, which has been raging in the upper part of West Chester County, N. Y., has attacked the cattle at Thorpe's Neck. The State officials were notified and strict quarantine established. The infected animals were killed at once.

THE WEST.
THE national convention of the Building Trades Union began in Chicago on the 28th, eleven cities being represented.

HALF the business part of Hurley, Wis., was destroyed by fire on the 28th. Loss, \$100,000.

THERE was a report in Chicago on the 28th that the Illinois Supreme Court had decided to order a new trial in the case of the condemned anarchists.

Mrs. LANOT recently at San Francisco renounced her allegiance to Great Britain, and took out her first papers declaring her intention to become a citizen of the United States. Her object, it was believed, was to ultimately apply for a divorce.

FOUR men were killed by a tramcar falling down the shaft of the Vulcan mine at Norwich, Mich., on the morning of the 28th.

FARMERS from San Francisco to Hong Kong and Yokohama have been reduced to \$350 because of Canadian competition.

FIRE in Sunman, Ind., the other day destroyed a warehouse and general store and some other buildings.

THE DAMAGE BY THE MARSHFIELD (Wis.) FIRE WAS MUCH GREATER THAN FIRST REPORTED.

Instead of \$1,000,000, it would be between three and four millions. Only one house remained uninjured by the flames.

THREE of the four robbers who some time ago murdered Detective Halligan and rescued McManis, their leader, at Ravenna, O., are reported to have been captured at Alpena, Mich.

STRAWN'S Opera House and other buildings at Jacksonville, Ill., were destroyed by fire recently. Loss, \$125,000.

W. J. WILLIAMS, treasurer of Jerauld County, Dak., is reported missing. His accounts are short \$8,000.

THE rest of the renegade Apaches have given themselves up unconditionally to General Miles. The trail of the hostiles was traced by an educated Indian boy.

THE Lake Shore and Mississippi Valley department of the American Shipping and Industrial League met in Chicago on the 28th with twenty-five delegates present.

THE consecration of Right Rev. Lawrence Scanlan as Bishop of Utah took place recently in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, San Francisco.

At a meeting of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod at Stoughton, Wis., recently the discussion of the doctrine of predestination caused a split.

MR. DAVID ARMSTRONG has had his bond as receiver of the Fidelity National Bank, of Cincinnati, accepted, and he is now in charge of the affairs of the defunct institution.

ALFRED J. MILLER and Gustav Tafel, trustees of the late Archbishop Purcell creditors, have filed their report in the Cincinnati probate court. It shows the total receipts and disbursements since January 4, 1886, to be \$90,000; paid creditors, \$56,000; paid for expenses and incidentals, \$17,000; leaving a balance on hand of about \$10,500. The liabilities were \$300,000.

Master Masons' Association decided on the 29th by a vote of 41 to 30 to arbitrate with the bricklayers. An arbitration committee of five was appointed.

The Standard Paper Company, of Milwaukee, has made an assignment to J. E. Friend, who gave bond for \$130,000.

ARTHUR A. TALMAGE, vice-president and general manager of the Washburn, St. Louis & Pacific railway, died in his private car, one mile east of Peru, Ind., of dysentery on the night of the 28th. He was en route with his wife for Toledo, where he expected to take a yachting trip on the lakes. Mr. Talmage had been sick for several days and an attack of dysentery impelled him to seek health by recreation and he was on a trip with this end in view when his death occurred.

The McCoy nitro-glycerine factory near Findlay, O., blew upon the 29th. Four tramps were believed to have been blown into atoms.

Mrs. MOLLOR, charged with being accessory to the murder of Mrs. Sarah Graham at Springfield, Mo., has been granted a change of venue to the Christian County circuit court.

WILLIAM KISSANE, alias W. K. Rogers, has filed a demurrer in the circuit court at San Francisco, pleading the statute of limitations to the suit of the Chemical National Bank of New York.

The high license law fixing the rate in cities at \$1,000 went into effect in Minnesota on the 1st.

THE Railway Age reports that between January 1 and June 30 there were laid in the United States 3,754 miles of new main line track. From present indications the Age believes that the total for 1887 may surpass that of any previous year in the history of the country.

The sheriff of Chicago has taken possession of the property of the Knights of Labor Publishing Company on a confession of judgment for \$8,133. A receiver has been appointed.

The Utah Constitutional Convention met at Salt Lake on the 30th for the purpose of securing the admission of Utah as a State into the Union.

THE SOUTH.
A SPECIAL from Lonoke County, Ark., says that cattle are dying in large numbers with what veterinary surgeons pronounce apoplexy. The loss in some localities has been very large and so far no remedy has been found to stop its ravages.

THOMPSON, an agent of the Wilkosska, East Carroll Parish, La., was recently ordered to quit the State by the vendetta, which he immediately did.

A DESTRUCTIVE storm was reported twenty miles south of Longview, Tex., on the night of the 30th. Five men were killed at New Prospect and a woman and two children at Fairplay. Ruin was everywhere in the track of the tornado.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky., was reported in flames on the morning of the 29th.

TEN BROECK, the famous thoroughbred horse, died at the home of his owner, F. B. Harper, in Woodford County, Ky., recently of apoplexy. He was fifteen years old and his owner refused \$50,000 for him a few days before he died.

NEMIAH LEWIS, a lunatic living near Franklin, Ky., recently shot and killed a neighbor, wounded another, held a posse at bay for some time, and then finally killed himself.

TWO men were fearfully mangled under the wheels of a stock train at Longview, Tex., recently. They attempted to get off when the train was in motion.

FIVE judges of election convicted of fraud at Baltimore, were sentenced on the 27th to two years in jail. James H. Hamlin, another judge of election, got a fine of \$1,000 in addition to the imprisonment. The heavy sentences astonished the ward politicians.

A RIOT occurred at Oak Ridge, La., on the morning of the 27th, in which two white men and six negroes were killed and several white men dangerously wounded. The riot took place on an attempt to arrest a negro for assault on a girl. A white man killed and injured being officers.

AT Columbia, S. C., recently Scott Logan butted Jack Dillard to death.

ORNO, Smith and Clark, three of the men arrested for participating in the Flatonia (Tex.) train robbery have been discharged, the district attorney stating that the evidence was not sufficient to even warrant an investigation.

Mrs. ALBERT FUSSELL, of San Antonio, Tex., recently gave birth to two girl babies. Half an hour later she gave birth to two more of the same sex. They were born prematurely, being in the sixth month of gestation.

THREE men were reported to be dead were reported at Key West, Fla., on the 30th.

THE centennial birthday of Mrs. Fannie Hill was celebrated at Blue Ball Church, Elizabethtown, Ky., on the 30th. About 2,000 people were present, two-thirds of whom were related to the aged lady. Her husband was one year her junior.

BROOKS of race troubles in South Carolina are declared to be greatly exaggerated. No violence is expected.

GENERAL.

It is not expected that the hop crop this year will suffer from the hop loss.

AN express train going from Berlin to Cologne was thrown from the track at Muehlheim recently and seventeen persons were more or less injured.

It was reported in London that the tomb of Ovid, the Latin poet, had been discovered at Ostunda, Italy.

THE Genesta won the jubilee yacht race around Great Britain. Time, 12 days, 16 hours and 55 minutes.

A CONTRACT for an equestrian statue of General Robert E. Lee has been awarded to the French sculptor, Mercie, of Paris.

THE British Princes Albert Victor and George reviewed the troops at Dublin on the 28th and were given a banquet in the evening.

GENERAL FERROU, the French Minister of War, estimates that the mobilizing of the army next fall will cost \$3,000,000 francs.

THE Lafayette Theater at Rouen, France, has been destroyed by fire.

ONE hundred Moors, bearing firearms, attacked the Spanish patrol at Biskari, in Algeria, recently, killing and wounding several. Many Moors were also killed and wounded. The military intervened and stopped the fighting.

GENERAL BOULANGER has been appointed to the command of the Thirtieth army corps of France.

A FAREWELL dinner attended by many noted men was given Prof. Tyndall at Augsburg the other night on his retirement from the Royal Institution.

MEMBER of Parliament Murphy has sued the commander of the British ship Shannon for \$10,000 damages for trespass in tearing down a green flag on his yacht jubilee day.

THE Belgian Chamber of Representatives has reduced the duties on coffee.

THE Crown Prince and Princess of Germany have left London on their return to Berlin.

It is hinted very strongly in Paris that General Boulanger was appointed to the command of the Thirtieth army corps of France for the purpose of keeping him away from Paris during the national fetes.

A VIOLENT earthquake shock was experienced at Guayaquil, Mexico, on the morning of the 29th.

A MAJORITY of the committee of the French Chamber of Deputies appointed to study the question of the separation of Church and State has approved the Bojsett project for the abrogation of the concordat.

Very radical changes are proposed and no further church grants will be made in aid of any church.

KING MILAN of Serbia has instructed Premier Ristic to take measures to prevent the return of Queen Natalie to Serbia. A Cabinet crisis was expected if the Premier refused to obey the King.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies recently Signor Mancini declared that the alliance between Italy, Germany and Austria had been concluded with the sole idea of securing the peace of Europe by purely defensive means. The alliance, he declared, preserved France from war.

An exhibition of objects relating to music will be held in Amsterdam from September 1 to October 15.

A DEMONSTRATION in favor of General Boulanger is being arranged in Paris.

The pool of wall-paper manufacturers of the United States has come to an end.

A CARGO of tea has arrived in London from Japan via the Canadian Pacific route, occupying only thirty days and sixteen hours in transit.

THE New Zealand Hotel, bank and twenty-two shops were destroyed by fire at Blenheim, N. Z., recently. The loss was \$250,000.

IN Cuba recently a man, his wife and eight children were suffocated in their dwelling. They had built a fire of tobacco over night as a precaution against small-pox, which led to the calamity.

The mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co. reports that for the first half of 1887 the failures in the United States were 4,912 in number, against 5,136 for the same period in the previous year, showing a decline of 24. The liabilities show a slight increase in amount.

THE strikers at Bolton, Eng., engaged in a riot the other night, throwing stones and bolts. The presence of the troops overawed the rioters, who soon dispersed.

S. D. WHITNEY, secretary of the Montreal Board of Harbor Commissioners, is reported missing with heavy defalcations.

THE LATEST.
By the explosion of the boiler of a threshing machine near Mascoutah, Ill., the other day one man was killed and another fatally injured, and the threshing and two horses burned to death.

The public debt statement for June showed a decrease during the month of \$16,592,725.17; decrease during the fiscal year which ended June 30, \$109,717,895.38.

MIDDLETON & Co., proprietors of the Giant Chain Tugboat Works, The Louisville, Ky., have made an assignment, with \$100,000 liabilities and assets nominally the same.

LEVI BACON, financial clerk in the Interior Department, who died recently, is found to be a defaulter to the amount of \$28,000. The money went principally in cashing checks of the clerks under him, and as their pay becomes due it will be appropriated until the deficiency is made good.

THREE children of Mrs. August Belder were burned to death recently at Pittsburgh, Pa., during the absence of their mother.

CUTLER & SAVAGE's lumber yard at Spring Lake, Mich., was destroyed by fire recently with 2,000,000 feet of lumber.

The Harmony woolen mill at Cohoes, N. Y., shut down on the 1st, throwing 3,800 operatives out of employment. The houses were ordered to be vacated and the floors, which they refused to do, and this caused the lockout.

F. W. BIPPER, of Chicago, the county meat contractor who agreed to turn State's evidence in the boodle cases, has disappeared. It was generally believed that he had been taken on a secret junketing tour by agents of the prosecution in order to keep him away from the defendants.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) during the seven days ended June 30 numbered for the United States, 155; for Canada, 26. Total, 181, compared with 197 the previous week, and for the corresponding week last year, 179.

ALEXANDER TURNER, the murderer of Jennie Bowman, the domestic, at Louisville, Ky., last April, has been executed. His companion, Patterson, appealed his trial and a decision is now pending. The murder was peculiarly brutal, robbery being the motive. Both men were negroes.

This section of growth last removed from the throat of the German Crown Prince was sent to Prof. Virchow, of Berlin, for examination. The latter has made a thoroughly satisfactory report, which has delighted the Emperor and the Prince.

TWO THOUSAND employees of the Reading (Pa.) Iron Works informed the management that they would not accept the reduction of 10 per cent. made recently, and the proprietors decided to close down all the establishments, throwing all the men out of work.

THE mortality in New York on the 1st was greater than on any other day this year. One hundred and seventy persons died, the greater number from cholera infantum.

TRAGIC.

Desperate Fight in Texas—Two Killed—Love in Arkansas.

THE Lover Shoots the Girl's Brother and Himself is Fatally Wounded.

A Citizen of Tahlequah Shot Dead While on a Drunk—The Maples Murder—Lynching Case.

GAINEVILLE, Tex., July 2.—A general fight occurred here about noon yesterday in the Texas wagon yard. The participants in the affair were two brothers, John F. and David C. Howton, on the one side and a father and son, James W. and John Pair, on the other side. In the melee David Howton was killed outright, and the other three men were seriously wounded. James Pair has since died and there is little hope entertained for the two wounded men.

All the parties are from the neighborhood of Texanna, I. T. There has been trouble between the Howton boys and young Pair for some time, and on meeting yesterday in the wagon yard the quarrel was at once renewed. It is uncertain who fired the first shot, but it was John Howton or young Pair. Young Pair has stated to several parties that the Howton brothers invited him to go into a scheme to rob a train on the Santa Fe road just as it crossed Red river. The Pair's refusal to join the Howtons was the cause of the trouble. The surviving Howton claims that while he made the proposition to young Pair to rob the train he was drunk and jested, and that Pair knew this fact.

A LOVE TRAGEDY.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 2.—John Coody, who had been living in Stone County, Ark., for five months past, fell in love with Elizabeth Lumpkins, the beautiful daughter of his employer, but her parents and brothers opposed his attentions and threatened him with personal violence unless he desisted. This Coody not only refused to do, but persisted in his love with her until last Saturday. As soon as the fight was discovered the father and two brothers of the girl, armed themselves, started in pursuit. They followed the pair across the Arkansas border into the Indian Territory, and continued the chase without intermission for several days, pursued and pursued passing through the Cherokee, Choctaw and Seminole Nations.

The chase ended yesterday evening in the interior of the Chickasaw country by the older of the Lumpkin boys, who was riding in advance and who began firing. His sister begged him to spare Coody, but to her entreaties he paid no attention, when Coody returned the fire and the boy fell from his horse mortally wounded. The father and younger brother hastened to the scene and shot several times at Coody, mortally wounding him, despite the efforts of the girl to save him. The Lumpkins formerly lived near Springfield, Mo., while Coody was born in New Jersey. The girl is very pretty and about twenty years of age.

CITIZEN KILLED.
TAHLEQUAH, I. T., July 2.—Thomas Trainer, a well known citizen, was shot and killed here Thursday evening by Sheriff Hawkins. Trainer had been driven for several days and had a quarrel against Hawkins on account of a quarrel between Hawkins and his son, and walking up to where Hawkins and one of his police were standing, jerked the police man's pistol from his holster, remarking to Hawkins, "Now I've got you." But Hawkins jumped up and got in his work first.

About a dozen deputy United States marshals arrived here yesterday and arrested several persons for the murder of Marshal Maples some time ago. They also took away five women who will have to answer the charge of violating the law by selling liquor in the Indian Territory.

MURDER VENGANCE.
ST. LOUIS, July 2.—Henry Hamilton, a wealthy planter and stock dealer of Bradley County, Ark., was lynched last night for the murder of the Perry brothers, two weeks ago. At that time Hamilton and his brother became engaged in a quarrel with the Perrys, and that night killed them. The men were arrested that night and barely escaped lynching. Yesterday they were released on bail, and the younger Hamilton disappeared, while the mob took vengeance on Henry.

Omaha Gambling Suppressed.
OMAHA, Neb., July 2.—The gambling law passed by the last Nebraska Legislature went into effect yesterday, and the chief of police of Omaha has issued a proclamation ordering all gambling houses closed at once and the order will be strictly enforced. The members of the fraternity have all expressed their willingness to close up, and no trouble is anticipated. Nearly all of the leading sporting men of the town have declared their intention of leaving and going to more congenial climes. This will be the first time that gambling has been stopped in the history of Omaha. It has always been run wide open here, and has been carried on extensively, the police collecting fines month by month from keepers of gambling houses.

Sharp Sick.
NEW YORK, July 2.—Jacob Sharp's condition is unchanged to-day. He is still weak and lies back on an invalid chair at his home in Lexington, N. Y., while his wife waves a large fan over him. His unmarried daughter and Mr. Stickney, his counsel, visited him this morning. He appeared to relish his food, but Warden Keating still says he does not eat enough to keep a butterfly alive. The warden denies that he receives \$150 a week from Sharp for his superior accommodations. He says that favors are allowed the prisoner but those sanctioned by the county.

Reassured His Innocence.
HENDERSON, Ky., July 2.—Jim McElroy, colored, was hanged at noon yesterday. He passed a sleepless night and spent from one o'clock to five a. m. in prayers. At sunrise he partook of a light breakfast. After this the sheriff entered the cell and read the death warrant. McElroy reassured his oft-repeated story that he was innocent. The crime for which he was convicted was the murder of William Mart, one of the most prominent and respected farmers of the southwestern Kentucky.

Unsettled His Reason.
CLEVELAND, O., July 2.—George S. Anderson, a prominent banker and business man of Sandusky, shot himself yesterday. Unfortunate investments in Kansas and consequent heavy losses are thought to have unsettled his reason.

By the explosion of the boiler of a threshing machine near Mascoutah, Ill., the other day, one man was killed and another fatally injured, and the threshing and two horses burned to death.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Losses at the Marshfield Fire Aggregate Three Millions—Other Towns Suffer.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 28.—It is now estimated that the loss resulting from the destruction of the city of Marshfield will not be less than \$3,000,000, and may be nearly \$3,500,000. The heaviest loser is the Upham Manufacturing Company, whose loss is approximately \$800,000. Sander Rockwell & Co., of Milwaukee, \$450,000, representing a whole season's cut of lumber. Tremont Hotel Company, \$25,000; Mayor A. J. Upham, general store and stock, \$50,000; Marshfield Bank, \$10,000. There are about 1,000 losers, the amount varying from \$50 to \$1,000. Twelve solid blocks of stores were destroyed. A dispatch says that the fire burned until an early hour next morning and that but one house remains unscathed. Half the population is still there, but is suffering for want of clothing. Supplies were sent from neighboring towns that answered the purpose temporarily, but Mayor Upham telegraphs that more provisions must be sent at once or the people will suffer. The remaining inhabitants are again camping in the woods. Owing to the poor facilities for communicating by wire, details are coming in but slowly. It appears that when the fire started there was a high wind, and the flames were carried with remarkable rapidity, seeming almost to leap from house to house. Twelve buildings were blown up with dynamite in a vain endeavor to check the flames.

HALF THE TOWN BURNED.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 28.—Half the business part of Hurley, Wis., was destroyed by fire yesterday. The town is one of the mushroom settlements in the mining region and the buildings were not very valuable. The loss will not exceed \$80,000 and none of the individual losses are over \$5,000. For a time it was thought that the whole town was doomed. The fire started in the rear of the Gobie Meat and Provision Company's building. A brisk wind rapidly fanned it into a roaring blaze that spread from building to building until a dozen mercantile establishments, several hotels and a boarding house were in flames.

ANOTHER TOWN IN FLAMES.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 29.—A telegram was received in this city this morning from Elizabethtown, Harding County, Ky., fifty-five miles south of Louisville, on the Louisville & Nashville road, saying that a great part of the town was in flames; that the fire was beyond control of the local fire department and asking for assistance. A special train with a fire engine and two hose carts was dispatched to the scene of the fire immediately.

OPERA HOUSE BURNED.
JACKSONVILLE, Ill., June 29.—A destructive fire occurred here Sunday night, originating in Wright's furniture store, next to Strawn's Opera House, involving a loss of \$125,000.

AFFECTING KANSAS.
The Secretary of the Interior Reverses Former Action and Will Not Pay Kansas For Sales of Indian Lands.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The Secretary of the Interior yesterday decided adversely the claim of the State of Kansas under the act of January 29, 1861, admitting her into the Union, to \$44,750, being five per cent. of the net proceeds of the sales of certain lands made between July 1, 1884, and June 8, 1885, heretofore reserved for the Cherokee, Kansas, Miami and Osage tribes of Indians. The third section of the compact admitting Kansas into the Union provided that five per centum of the proceeds of sales of public lands lying within the State which shall be sold by Congress after the admission of the State into the Union, after deducting all expenses incident to the same, shall be paid to the State for the purpose of making public roads, etc., as the Legislature may direct. At the time there was a large quantity of land held by the tribes named above, by their title of occupancy. The lands were subsequently ceded to the United States for the purpose of being sold and the proceeds deposited in the treasury for the benefit of these Indians. The question at issue was whether the lands were "public" in the sense in which the word was used in the act quoted above. Upon this question the Secretary decided in the negative and holds that no such sale as contemplated by the act has taken place. The Secretary in his decision overruled the former action of the Interior Department whereby similar accounts, aggregating to something over \$500,000, have been certified to and paid to the State by the treasury every year since 1861. It is stated that claims similar in character have been recognized and paid to several of the States since 1819.

FATAL EXPLOSION.
Three Men Killed by a Powder Mill Explosion in New Jersey.

WAYNE, N. J., June 29.—Lafayette & Rand's powder mill exploded at three o'clock yesterday morning, the drying mill, in which men were putting powder to dry, blowing up from some unknown cause. It was Charles Tier, aged forty-five years, and three other men, and all were killed. August Krouse was near the mill and has not been seen since. Several men were slightly injured. The damage to the property is \$10,000. It is estimated that there were about three tons of powder in the mill. The mill and its contents were blown several hundred feet into the air and the debris was scattered over an area of half a mile square. The largest piece of a human body found was the lower part of John Cave's skull, to which a portion of the shoulder blade was still hanging. This was found 1,000 feet from the scene of the explosion. Near it were a portion of a foot, a piece of the vertebrae and portions of a rib and ear. The heavy timbers and the thick iron cylinders were sent into thousands of fragments and distributed about the adjoining fields. The concussion caused a boiler in a building 1,000 feet away to explode, scalding the engineer and the foreman and John Young, another engineer. The first explosion was in the drying mills and this caused an explosion of powder dust in the crevices of the unused spare mill 2,000 feet away. It was also utterly demolished. No cause is known for the explosion. At Elizabethtown, eight miles away, windows were broken by the concussion and it was supposed that an earthquake was the cause. Men were going about with bags picking up the shreds of humanity scattered about.

Mexican Stage Robbers.
EL PASO, Tex., June 28.—Stage-robbers have spread from Texas and Missouri to Sonora. A few days ago a stage traveling between Sarac and Santa Ana, the latter a station on the Sonora railroad, was attacked by six masked bandits. The stage was occupied by Adolfo Garay, a servant and two ladies, Senora Lazzerria and her daughter, Francisco. Garay resisted and was mortally wounded. The servant had his arm broken, the two ladies were taken to the wheels of the carriage and \$2,500 taken from them. With this money they had intended to buy goods at Guaymas. It was a whole day before the party was found and relieved. A Garay died at Sarac. Two of the bandits were captured and hanged.

THE LAND-GRANT ROADS.

They Apply to the Secretary of the Interior and Hold That He Has No Authority to Forfeit Their Lands.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The Secretary of the Interior has received answers from all the land grant railroads named in his rule dated